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For :	TEST STRUCTURE FOR ELECTRICALLY VERIFYING THE DEPTHS OF TRENCH-ETCHING IN AN SOI WAFER, AND ASSOCIATED WORKING METHODS		

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this Preliminary Amendment.